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Applicant thanks the Examiner for her cooperation and assistance during an Interview, which was held on 14 November 2006. During the Interview, the Applicant took the opportunity to explain the invention to the Examiner and contrast it with the references of record, i.e. Turnasella and Williams et al. The Examiner pointed out that some of the Applicant's claim terminology was confusing. Applicant suggested various changes and the Examiner indicated that such changes would seem to contrast the invention sufficiently with the references of art such that the claims could avoid such art. Applicant appreciates that the Examiner did not indicate that the claims would be allowable and that the Examiner has the obligation to review the claims submitted herewith, as well as consider additional art, if appropriate. However, Applicant is of the opinion that the presently submitted claims address all of the concerns raised by the Examiner during the Interview and in the Office Action of 16 August 2006, and that the claims should, therefore, place the application in allowable condition. In so responding, Applicant is of the opinion that all of the issues raised in the Office Action of 16 August 2006 have been addressed. In particular, in addition to addressing the substantive rejections, Applicant also has corrected the status identifier in Claim 60 as pointed out by the Examiner.

Accordingly, the application is considered to be in allowable condition and the Examiner is urged to withdraw the rejections based on art and otherwise and allow the application to issue as U.S. Letters Patent. Should the Examiner deem it helpful, she is encouraged to contact Applicant's attorney, Michael A. Glenn, at (650) 474-8400.

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